

REMARKS

Claims 15, 16, 18, 22, 24 and 25 were cancelled in previous amendments.

Claims 28-30 are cancelled in this amendment. Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 11, 19, 23, 26 and 27 are amended in this amendment as shown on the attached claim sheets. Claims 1-14, 17, 20, 21, 23, 26, 27 and 31-34 are pending.

The status of the related applications at page 1 of the specification has been updated, as shown in the attached replacement specification sheet. The priority claim language preferred by the USPTO has also been included (i.e., by not referring to the provisional and PCT applications as "abandoned").

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is requested.

EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Telephone interviews with the Examiner and the undersigned attorney were conducted on August 16, 26 and 31. Claims 1, 2, 26, 27 and 28 were discussed. US Patent No. 6,551,409 B1 was discussed. The Examiner requested clarification and changes of terms in the claims. Agreement was reached concerning claims 1,2,26 and 27. No agreement was reached on claim 28 (now cancelled).

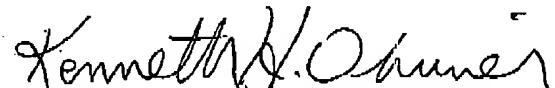
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